

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A broadcasting method comprising the steps of:

broadcasting a store start command and encrypted contents from a broadcaster in a first time period, said store start command causing said encrypted contents to be stored into a storage medium at the receiving side; and

broadcasting a play command including a decryption key for decrypting said encrypted contents from the broadcaster in a second time period subsequent to said first time period to the receiving side after broadcasting said encrypted the contents, said play command causing said encrypted contents stored into said storage medium to be retrieved for output of the contents,

wherein said encrypted contents are retrieved ~~from said storage medium are~~ outputted and decrypted by using said decryption key for output in a third time period, which is different from said first time period, ~~and is pre-specified by the~~ broadcaster, and wherein said decryption key is deleted after the output from said receiving side.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A broadcasting method according to claim 1, wherein said encrypted contents broadcast in said first time period includes an identifier identifying said encrypted contents, and _____ wherein said play command broadcast in said second time period includes an identifier allowing said encrypted contents to be retrieved from said storage medium for output.

4. (Currently Amended) A broadcasting method according to claim 1, wherein said encrypted contents broadcast in said first time period include an end store command for terminating the storing of said contents into said storage medium.

5. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiver comprising:
a receiver which receives encrypted contents and a store start command broadcasted from a broadcaster in a first time period, and then receives a play command broadcasted from the broadcaster including a decryption key for decrypting said encrypted contents, in a second time period subsequent to said first time period, wherein said store start command causes said encrypted contents to be stored, and wherein said play command causes ~~the stored~~ said encrypted contents to be retrieved for output;

a storage medium which stores said encrypted contents received; and

_____ a memory which stores said decryption key; and

a processor which stores said encrypted contents into said storage medium in accordance with the received store start command, stores said decryption key into said memory, and retrieves said encrypted contents from said storage medium for output when it finds the play command is received and
~~wherein said contents retrieved from said storage medium are outputted and~~
~~decrypts said encrypted contents by using said decryption key stored in said memory~~
~~for output~~ in a third time period, which is different from said first time period, and is pre-specified by the broadcaster, and deletes said decryption key after the output from said memory.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiver according to claim 5, wherein said encrypted contents broadcasted in said first time period and stored in said storage medium include a first identifier identifying said encrypted contents,
wherein said play command includes a second identifier, and
wherein said processor retrieves for playback said encrypted contents stored in said storage medium along with said first identifier if said first identifier coincides with said second identifier included in said play command.

8. (Currently Amended) A broadcast receiver according to claim 5, wherein said encrypted contents broadcasted in said first time period include an end store

command for terminating the storing of said encrypted contents into said storage medium, and

wherein said processor terminates the storing of said encrypted contents into said storage medium the moment said end store command is received.

9-14. (Canceled)